

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

For Francis Scott Key, the all-night vigil was long and lonely as he helplessly watched the bombardment of Baltimore's Fort McHenry in September of 1814. As a captive of the British fleet, Key was powerless to give warning to his fellow Americans of the impending attack. He had no recourse but to look hopelessly on as enemy rockets and bombs pierced the darkness over the American fort. As the night grew still and Key's heart grew heavy, his thoughts were obsessed with the tremendous American flag that had flown over the Star Fort. To Key, it was a symbol of liberty and freedom. It represented an allegiance to a land he loved and would gladly have died for.

Francis Scott Key dreaded the dawn and the sadness it might bring to his beloved country. And yet, his soul was filled with a patriotic pride as the warm light of a new day cast its brilliance upon the great American flag. It had not been destroyed or replaced during the night! It was still flying, in all its glory and might, and its beauty still reigned supreme over American soil.

In patriotic fervor of that early morning, nearly 168 years ago, Francis Scott Key used the back of an envelope to pen the words to our country's "Star-Spangled Banner." With his own eyes, he had seen the "bombs bursting in air." And with the aid of the "dawn's early light," he, too, had seen the strength and courage of the land that he loved come shining through the threatening darkness of another night. America, wrote the inspired Key, is truly, "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Today is Flag Day--a day of deference to the Stars and Stripes. It is our chance to pay homage to a flag that represents freedom, strength, and the hope of the entire world. We can be grateful that Old Glory flies for us all:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 14, 1982, as

FLY THE FLAG DAY

in South Dakota.



ATTEST:

Alice Lundert

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two

William J. Janklow
WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

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